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the month of March, 1904, with conditions and weather both favorable to a spread of same, but there was also an improvement in the general health, as well as a large decrease in the death rate over previous years, which the report will show.

Mortuary report for October, 1904.

Tuberculosis, pulmonary	2	Hereditary syphilis	1
Still birth	4	Asthenia	1
Lung trouble	1	Old age	1
Cause unknown (had no doctor)	5	Congestion of the lungs	1
Meningitis	1	Entero-gastritis	1
Pneumonia	1	Tetanus	1
Inanition	1	Parturition	1
Thyroiditis	1	Number of deaths	24
Premature birth	1		

Mortality rate, 21.04.

Comparative mortuary report of the city of Laredo, Tex., for the years 1901, 1902, 1903, and 1904, during the month of October.

Year.	Number of deaths.	Rate.	Remarks.
1901	36	32.16	
1902	58	51.68	
1903	28	22.04	Deaths from yellow fever not included.
1903	28	33.60	Estimated on a decrease of about 3,500 in population, it being presumed that this number was absent from the city during this month.
1903	81	72.38	Deaths from all causes included.
1904	24	21.04	

P. S.—I neglected to state a more marked improvement is shown by a comparison of the summer months up to and including September, when the Service discontinued active operations, September 20, 1904.

The most marked decrease has been in gastro-intestinal troubles and deaths therefrom, as well as deaths from phthisis. Will this favorable condition continue to prevail? October comparison, while favorable in itself, does not indicate so.

Report from San Antonio—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports, November 12, as follows:

Conditions, from a health standpoint, remain unchanged since my last report. A slight norther has prevailed during the past two days and the temperature dropped to the frost line, but to-day the thermometer is rising again. The prevalence of no special disease is noted and the general conditions in health matters are good.

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Nogales, Ariz.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gustetter reports as follows:

Week ended November 5, 1904: Passengers inspected, 182; immigrants inspected, 52; immigrants deported, 8—blind 1, insane 1, nonmedical reasons 6.